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FROM ASST. SECY HARTMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PFOR, CY

SUBJECT: PROBLEMS IN GENEVA TALKS ON CYPRUS

1. TRIPARTITE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR EVENING AUG 9 DID NOT TAKE PLACE PRIMARILY BECAUSE CALLAGHAN WAS ENGAGED IN SERIES OF INTENSE BILATERAL TALKS BEING REPORTED SEPARATELY. MEETING REXHECDULED FOR MORNING AUGUST 10 AT WHICH TIME REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES ARE SUPPOSED TO PRESENT THEIR IDEAS. THE MEETING SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AT 10:00, NEVER ACTUALLY BEGAN AS THEIR WAS A DEADLOCK BETWEEN GUNES AND MAVROS OVER THE DESIGNATION OF CLERIDES AND DENKTASH. GUNES, INSISTING UPON OBSERVANCE TO THE LETTER OF PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE JULY 30 DECLARATION OF GENEVA, INSISTED THAT CLERIDES AND DENKTASH SHOULD SIT BEHIND SIGNS READING TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY AND GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY. CLERIDES REFUSED TO ACCEPT THIS NOMENCLATURE AND WAS SUPPORTED BY MAVROS. THEY PRESENTED SEVERAL ALTERNATIVE FORMULATIONS CLOSEST TO BEING A SIGN THAT WOULD READ GREEK COMMUNITY, CYPRUS. GUNES LEFT THE MEETING SAYING HE WOULD RETURN ONLY WHEN HIS POSITION SECRET

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HAD BEEN ACCEPTED. AT PRESENT TIME ALL PARTICIPANTS

HAVE "RECESSED" FOR LUNCH, FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AMONG THEMSELVES, AND PRESUMABLY TO SEEK GUIDANCE FROM CAPITALS.

- 2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT CLERIDES IS OBJECTING STRENUOUSLY TO TURKISH POSITION AND IS ALSO UNHAPPY WITH FACT THAT AT THE PREVIOUS GENEVA SESSION MAVROS HAD, WITHOUT CONSULTING HIM, AGREED PHRASEOLOGY IN PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE DECLARATION WHICH UNDERCUTS HIS POSITION ON THE ISLAND.
- 3. COMMENT: ASIDE FROM WHAT MAY APPEAR TO BE A QUIBBLE OVER LANGUAGE, THIS PROBLEM REFLECTS THE RAPIDLY INCREASING TURKISH PRESSURE TO FORCE AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE WITH ITS IDEAS. GIVEN THE PREFERENCE OF MAVROS FOR HAVING CLERIDES IN FRONT ON DISCUSSIONS OF CONSITITUTIONAL ISSUES, THE IMMEDIATE OBJECT OF TURKISH PRESSURES IS CLERIDES.DALE

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